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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Assistant Professor of Political Science, Louisiana State University ▷ Internship Director	2019 - Present 2023 - Present
EDUCATION	Emory University , Atlanta, GA Ph.D. in Political Science ▷ <i>Dissertation</i> : “Why Do States Privatize their Prisons? The Unintended Consequences of Inmate Litigation” – Winner of the 2020 Mooney Prize, the best dissertation in state politics and policy ▷ <i>Committee</i> : Tom Clark (Chair), Michael Leo Owens, Zachary Peskowitz M.A. in Political Science	2019 2018
	Arizona State University , Phoenix, AZ Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Journalism	2013
PUBLICATIONS	Books Widner, Kirsten and Anna Gunderson . <i>The Haves and Have-Nots in the Era of Trump Judges: Representation and Amicus Briefs at the Supreme Court, 2016 to 2021</i> . Under advance contract with Cambridge University Press, Elements in American Politics. Gunderson, Anna. 2022. <i>Captive Market: Accountability and State Prison Privatization</i> . Oxford University Press. ▷ Reviewed in: <i>Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics</i> , <i>Law and Politics Book Review</i> , <i>The Forum</i> Journal Articles Schiff, Kaylyn Jackson, Tom Clark, Adam Glynn, Michael Leo Owens, Anna Gunderson , and Eric Dobbie. “The Effect of Information about Police Shootings of Civilians on Public Support for Police Reform.” Conditionally accepted at <i>The Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> . Clark, Tom, Elisha Cohen, Adam Glynn, Michael Leo Owens, Anna Gunderson , and Kaylyn Jackson Schiff. “Are Police Racially Biased in the Decision to Shoot?” Online at <i>The Journal of Politics</i> . https://doi.org/10.1086/723973 Gunderson, Anna , Kirsten Widner, and Maggie Macdonald. 2023. “Pursuing Change or Pursuing Credit? Litigation and Credit Claiming on Social Media.” Online at the <i>Journal of Law and Courts</i> : 1-23. https://doi:10.1017/jlc.2022.16 Kim, Jeong, Anna Gunderson , Elizabeth Lane, and Nichole Bauer. 2023. “State Courts, State Legislatures, and Setting Abortion Policy.” Online at the <i>Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law</i> . https://doi.org/10.1215/03616878-10449887	

Huber, Laura and **Anna Gunderson**. 2023. "Putting A Fresh Face Forward: Does the Gender of a Police Chief Affect Public Perceptions?" *Political Research Quarterly* 76 (3): 1418-1432. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10659129221142598>.

Gunderson, Anna. 2022. "Inmate Litigation, Legal Access, and Prison Privatization." Online at *The Journal of Law and Courts*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/jlc.2022.12>

Owens, Michael L., and **Anna Gunderson**. "Noncongruent Policymaking by Cities for Citizens with Criminal Records: Representation, Organizing, and 'Ban the Box.'" Online at *Political Research Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10659129221119988>.

Gunderson, Anna and Huber, Laura. 2022. "Blue First and Foremost: Female Descriptive Representation, Rape, and the Justice Gap." Online at *Perspectives on Politics*: 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592722000974>.

Gunderson, Anna. 2022. "Descriptive Representation and Prosecutorial Discretion: Race, Sex, and Carceral Disparities." *American Politics Research* 50 (6): 823-836. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X221082638>.

Gunderson, Anna. 2022. "Who Punishes More? Partisanship, Punitive Policies, and the Puzzle of Democratic Governors." *Political Research Quarterly* 75 (1): 3-19. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1065912920987078>.

▷ Covered in [Reason](#); [Academic Times](#)

Gunderson, Anna. 2021. "Ideology, Disadvantage, and Federal District Court Inmate Civil Rights Filings: The Troubling Effects of Pro Se Status." *The Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 18(3): 603-628. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jels.12290>

Gunderson, Anna, Elisha Cohen, Kaylyn Jackson Schiff, Tom S. Clark, Adam Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens. 2021. "Counterevidence of Crime-Reduction Effects from Federal Grants of Military Equipment to Local Police." *Nature Human Behaviour*, 5(2): 194-204. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-020-00995-5>.

▷ Covered in [The Daily Mail](#); [ABC News](#); [Monkey Cage](#); [Washington Post](#); [WWLTV New Orleans](#); [Eurasia Review](#); [NewsTalk ZB](#); [Big Think](#)

Gunderson, Anna. 2020. "Why Do States Privatize Their Prisons? The Unintended Consequences of Inmate Litigation." *Perspectives on Politics*, 1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592720003485>.

▷ Winner of the 2020 Neal Tate Award, the best paper on judicial politics presented at the 2019 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting

▷ Winner of the Best Graduate Student Paper, APSA Law and Courts Section 2019

▷ Winner of the Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Prize for best graduate student paper and presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting of The Public Choice Society

Gunderson, Anna. 2020. "Representation, Incorporation, and Corrections Spending: The Counterbalancing Effect of Black Political Incorporation." *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 5(3): 573-603. <https://doi.org/10.1017/rep.2020.15>.

Cohen, Elisha, **Anna Gunderson**, Kaylyn Jackson, Paul Zachary, Tom S. Clark, Adam N. Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens. 2019. "Do Officer-Involved Shootings Reduce Citizen Contact with Government?." *The Journal of Politics* 81(3): 1111-1123. <https://doi.org/10.1086/703539>.

Baltimore Matter, and How They Changed America by Jennifer E. Cobbina (New York University Press, 2019). *Law and Politics Book Review*, 30(5): 81-85.

WORKING PAPERS “Judicial Candidate Gender and Campaign Platforms.” *With Nichole Bauer, Kate Bratton, Belinda Davis, Elizabeth Lane, Jeong Kim, and Katie Searles. Invited to revise and resubmit.*

“Gendered Accountability: Do Voters Reward Women for Supporting Womens Interests?” *With Nichole Bauer, Jeong Kim, Elizabeth Lane, Belinda Davis, and Katie Searles. Under review.*

“Posting About Protest: The 2020 Mass Protests and Police Department Social Media.” *With Maggie Macdonald. Under review.*

“Lobbying Inside (and) Out: Interest Group Behavior on Social Media.” *With Kirsten Widner and Maggie Macdonald.*

“Interest Groups and Social Media Usage: How Do Organizations’ Posts Differ Across Facebook and Twitter?” *With Kirsten Widner and Maggie Macdonald.*

“Beyond the Boy’s Club: Women’s Leadership and Police Behavior.” *With Laura Huber.*

“Fear and Loathing on Social Media: How Interest Group Use Emotion to Mobilize Followers.” *With Justin Rose, Maggie Macdonald, and Kirsten Widner.*

SELECT WORKS IN PROGRESS “Who Deserves Mercy? State Pardons, Commutations, and the Determinants of Clemency.” *Book manuscript.*

“The Effects of Prison Gerrymandering on Representation.” *With Kristy Pathakis.*

“But Why, Though? Understanding Public Response to Interest Group Amicus Activity.” *With Elizabeth Lane, Jessica Schoenherr, and Kirsten Widner.*

“Women Who Run in Electoral Contexts.” *With Nichole Bauer, Emily Rains, and Annie Sheehan-Dean.*

“Understanding How Litigant Behavior Impacts Public Perceptions of Courts.” *With Joshua Boston, David Miller, and Kirsten Widner.*

TEACHING

Louisiana State University

- ▷ Introduction to American Government (Honors): Fall 2021, Fall 2022
- ▷ Judicial Politics: Fall 2019; Spring 2020; Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023
- ▷ The Politics of Punishment: Fall 2019; Spring 2020; Spring 2022, Spring 2023
- ▷ American Political Institutions (Graduate): Spring 2022

Emory University

- ▷ The American Legal System (with Tom Clark): Fall 2017
- ▷ Introduction to Comparative Politics (Teaching Assistant): Fall 2016

RESEARCH GRANTS

Manship Summer Research Fellowship, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Louisiana State University. \$5,000, 2023, 2022, 2021, and 2020.

[SCALES](#) (Systematic Content Analysis of Litigation Events) Grant for *Testing the Random Assignment of District Court Judges Using Machine Learning and the SCALES Dataset*, with Neel Sukhatme, Jonathan Nash, Nina Varsava, Corey Yung, and Hannes Schwandt. \$10,000, 2021.

Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Grant, for *Breaking the Brass Ceiling: Do Female and Non-White Police Executives Change Police Behavior?*, with Laura Huber. \$34,994, 2021.

American Political Science Association (APSA) Centennial Fund Grant, for *Does Breaking the Brass Ceiling Improve Perceptions of Police? A Survey Experiment on the Effect of Minority and Female Police Executives*, with Laura Huber. \$2,389, 2020.

Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS) Research Grant, for *Why Do States Privatize their Prisons?*, Louisiana Board of Regents, 2020-2021. Ranked first among 60 applicants. \$48,000, 2020.

Society for Political Methodology National Science Foundation Grant. \$1,300, 2018.

AWARDS AND OTHER GRANTS

Southeastern Conference (SEC) Faculty Travel Grant. \$1,000, 2022.

Louisiana State University Faculty Travel Grant. \$750, 2021, 2019.

Mooney Award for the best dissertation in state politics and policy. \$1,000, 2020.

Neal Tate Award for the best paper in Judicial Politics from the Southern Political Science Association. \$500, 2020.

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association. \$500, 2019.

Best Graduate Student Paper from APSA Law and Courts Section. \$200, 2019.

People's Choice Winner of the Three-Minute Thesis Competition. \$250, 2019.

Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Prize for best graduate student paper and presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting of The Public Choice Society. \$1,000, 2019.

Emory University Laney Graduate School Council Travel Grant. \$250, 2018 and 2019.

Thomas Carsey Graduate Education Fellow. \$200, 2017.

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, \$300, 2017.

Travel Award, American Political Science Association. \$170, 2016.

MEDIA AND POPULAR PRESS

2021

[“Carceral Democrats,”](#) guest post on *Inquest* on July 29, 2021

[“Vulnerable Democrats fill prisons to win votes,”](#) quoted in *Academic Times* on February 10, 2021

2020

[“The Future of Federal Prison Privatization is Bleak... Or Is It?,”](#) blog post on *3Streams* on December 11, 2020

[“As Federal Programs Continue To Militarize Campus Cops, Some Universities Reconsider,”](#) quoted

in *WAMU 88.5* on July 9, 2020

[“A bipartisan coalition of senators want to limit sending military-grade equipment to police,”](#) quoted in *Fortune* on July 1, 2020

[“The Pentagons Hand-Me-Downs Helped Militarize Police. Here’s How,”](#) quoted in *Wired* on June 2, 2020

2019

[“Private prisons face an uncertain future as states turn their backs on the industry,”](#) quoted in *Vox* on December 1, 2019

TRAINING

2018

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Pedagogy Workshop (Boston, MA)

INVITED

2022

PRESENTATIONS
AND WORKSHOPS

University of South Carolina

University of British Columbia, Okanagan

Tulane University

Justice and Injustice: Political Science Perspectives on Crime and Punishment hosted by Yale University

Consortium on the American Political Economy Summer Academy

Cultivating Networks & Innovative Scholarship In Law & Courts

2021

Texas A&M University

[SCALES](#) (Systematic Content Analysis of Litigation Events) Open Justice Research Workshop

Susquehanna University’s Arlin M. Adams Center for Law & Society Lecture

2020

Virtual Workshop on Race, Politics, Policing, and Social Movements hosted by Facebook

2019

Justice and Injustice: Political Science Perspectives on Crime and Punishment hosted by Pennsylvania State University

2017

Emory Public Interest Committee (EPIC) Conference

CONFERENCE

2023

PRESENTATIONS

“But Why, Though? Understanding Public Response to Interest Group Amicus Activity” (with Elizabeth Lane, Jessica Schoenherr, and Kirsten Widner) at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Chicago, IL)

“Fear and Loathing on Social Media: How Interest Group Use Emotion to Mobilize Followers” (with

Justin Rose, Maggie Macdonald, and Kirsten Widner) at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Chicago, IL)

2022

“The Haves and Have-Nots in the Era of Trump Judges: Representation and Amicus Briefs at the Supreme Court, 2016-2020” (with Kirsten Widner) at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Montreal, Quebec, Canada)

“Fear and Loathing on Social Media: How Interest Group Use Emotion to Mobilize Followers” (with Justin Rose, Maggie Macdonald, and Kirsten Widner) at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Montreal, Quebec, Canada)

“The Effect of Information about Police Shootings of Civilians on Public Support for Police Reform” (with Kaylyn Jackson Schiff, Tom Clark, Adam Glynn, Michael Leo Owens, and Eric Dobbie) at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Montreal, Quebec, Canada)

“The Haves and Have-Nots in the Era of Trump Judges: Representation and Amicus Briefs at the Supreme Court, 2016-2020” (with Kirsten Widner) at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Chicago, IL)

“Posting About Protest: The 2020 Mass Protests and Police Department Social Media” (with Maggie Macdonald) at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Chicago, IL)

“Who Deserves Mercy? State Pardons, Commutations, and the Determinants of Clemency” at *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (San Antonio, TX)

“Putting A Fresh Face Forward: Does the Gender of a Police Chief Affect Public Perceptions?” (with Laura Huber) at *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (San Antonio, TX)

2021

“Pursuing Change or Pursuing Credit? Litigation and Credit Claiming on Social Media” (with Kirsten Widner and Maggie Macdonald) at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Seattle, WA)

“Who Deserves Mercy? State Pardons, Commutations, and the Determinants of Clemency” at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Seattle, WA)

“Pursuing Change or Pursuing Credit? Litigation and Credit Claiming on Social Media” (with Kirsten Widner and Maggie Macdonald) at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (online)

“Pursuing Change or Pursuing Credit? Litigation and Credit Claiming on Social Media” (with Kirsten Widner and Maggie Macdonald) at *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (online)

“Descriptive Representation and Prosecutorial Discretion: Race, Sex, and Carceral Disparities” at *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (online)

2020

“Beyond the Boy’s Club: Women’s Leadership and Police Behavior” (with Laura Huber) at *Virtual Mini-Conference on the Politics of Crime & Punishment*

“Beyond the Boy’s Club: Gender Integration and Police Behavior” (with Laura Huber) at *Midwest Political Science Association Meeting* (Chicago, IL). *Cancelled due to COVID-19*

“The Effects of Ideology and Disadvantage on Federal District Court Prisoner Petitions” at *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (San Juan, PR)

2019

“Who Punishes More? Partisanship, Punitive Policies, and the Puzzle of Democratic Governors” at *Midwest Political Science Association Meeting* (Chicago, IL); *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Washington, D.C.)

“Why Do States Privatize their Prisons? The Unintended Consequences of Inmate Litigation” at *Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society* (Louisville, KY); *Southern Political Science Association Meeting* (Austin, TX)

2018

“Does Police Militarization Decrease Crime? Counterevidence from the Federal 1033 Program and Local Police Jurisdictions in the United States” (with Tom Clark, Michael Owens, Adam Glynn, Kaylyn Jackson, and Elisha Cohen) at *New York University School of Law’s Policing Project: The Benefits and Costs of Policing* (New York, NY); *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Boston, MA)

“Why Do States Privatize their Prisons? The Unintended Consequences of Inmate Litigation” at *Annual Meeting of the Society of Political Methodology* (Provo, UT); *State Politics and Policy Conference* (State College, PA); *Midwest Political Science Association Meeting* (Chicago, IL); *Emory University Conference on Institutions and Law Making* (Atlanta, GA); *Southern Political Science Association Meeting* (New Orleans, LA)

“Do Private Prison Companies Benefit from Electoral Victories?” at the *Midwest Political Science Association Meeting* (Chicago, IL)

2017

“The Politics and the Business of Incarceration: The Case of Prison Privatization” at *State Politics and Policy Conference* (St. Louis, MO); *Southern Political Science Association Meeting* (New Orleans, LA)

“Policy Pioneers and Social Control” (with Kirsten Widner) at the *Midwest Political Science Association Meeting* (Chicago, IL)

2016

“The Political and Economic Determinants of States’ Usage of Private Prisons” at the *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Philadelphia, PA)

SKILLS

Statistical software: R, Stata

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SERVICE

Referee, *American Journal of Criminal Justice*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Politics Research*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Law and Courts*; *Journal of Legal Empirical Studies*; *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Public Policy*; *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*; *Law and Social Inquiry*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *PLOS ONE*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Studies Review*; *Politics and Gender*; *Public Administration Review*; *Punishment and Society*; *Research & Politics*; *Science Advances*; *Social Policy & Administration*; *State and Local Government Review*; *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*; *Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (NSF Sponsored Project)*

Member, LSU Graduate Committee, 2023

Member, APSA Law and Courts Section Best Journal Article Award Committee, 2023
Division Chair, State Politics Section at the 2022 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Member, State Politics & Policy Council, 2021
Member, LSU Undergraduate Committee, 2021
Board of Advisors, ProQuests Mass Incarceration and Prison Studies Collection
Member, LSU Comparative Search Committee, 2020, 2022, 2023
Member, SPSA Neal Tate Award Committee, 2020
Member, APSA Law and Courts Section Nominations Committee, 2020
Member, LSU Research Committee, 2019, 2022
Visiting Fellow in Assessment for AP U.S. Government and Politics, College Board, 2020
President, Political Science Graduate Student Association at Emory University, 2017

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